

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 26

Introduced by: Senators Garnos, Jerstad, Nesselhuf, and Olson (Ed) and Representatives Juhnke, Bradford, Deadrick, and Lucas

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing April 23, 2008, as Adopt a Library Day.

WHEREAS, the citizens of South Dakota benefit greatly from libraries located across our great state, as they enable South Dakotans of all ages and backgrounds to access books and other resources that open new opportunities for learning and self-discovery; and

WHEREAS, in order to help maintain books in a variety of different genres, our libraries depend upon the support of a variety of community partners such as Adopt a Library that aim to enhance both the quantity and quality of learning resources available to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, founded in South Dakota by a librarian committed to expanding learning opportunities for her fellow citizens, AdoptALibrary.org is a nonprofit organization that facilitates donations of books to our schools and libraries across the state and beyond; and

WHEREAS, AdoptALibrary.org has helped a number of schools and communities that have experienced past difficulties in acquiring library resources, including a number of Native American reservation communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature is pleased to join with other officials in recognizing April 23, 2008, as Adopt a Library Day, and encourages all South Dakotans to consider ways in which they can help others gain new knowledge and wisdom:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that April 23, 2008, be recognized as Adopt a Library Day in the state of South Dakota, and the Legislature calls this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

